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SUBJ: COFFEE: SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR APRIL COFFEE  
MEETING

REF: LONDON 4669

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE AND REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 14-25 SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO) WORKING GROUP ON NEGOTIATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA). AS NOTED IN REFTEL, THE APRIL MEETINGS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE IN THE ICA NEGOTIATING PROCESS. ICO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORKING GROUP ARE EXPECTED TO SEND "FIRST TEAM" NEGOTIATORS (PARTICULARLY BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA). PRESUMABLY THE US WILL BE REPRESENTED BY A HIGHER LEVEL TEAM AS WELL.

2. SINCE OUR RESOURCES HAVE ALREADY BEEN STRAINED IN SUPPORT OF THE EXTREMELY HEAVY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SO FAR THIS YEAR, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE  
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AWARE THAT WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO FULLY

SUPPORT THE APRIL ICO MEETINGS FROM EXISTING RESOURCES.

(A) SECRETARIAL. USREP TO ICO NOW SHARES A SECRETARY WITH THE SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE. THIS EMPLOYEE IS ALREADY OVERBURDENED AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL AND DOCUMENT SUPPORT. CONTRACT HIRE OF A LOCAL AMERICAN, WITH CLEARANCE, FOR THREE WEEKS STARTING APRIL 7 SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED, AT APPROXIMATELY \$200.00 PER WEEK.

(B) REPRESENTATION. USREP HAS EXHAUSTED FY-75 FUNDS AND IS WELL OUT-OF-POCKET. REPRESENTATION AT SMALL LUNCHEES HAS PROVED HIGHLY USEFUL--PERHAPS CRITICAL IN SOME CASES--IN OUR STRATEGY SO FAR. USREP UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES THIS YEAR; THEREFORE USDEL SHOULD BE PROVIDED A MODEST REPRESENTATION BUDGET, \$200.00 AS A MINIMUM, FOR A LOW-KEY PROGRAM.

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